

## House Resolution No. 463

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous respect and esteem that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize exemplary programs founded by Show-Me State religious institutions which have an exceptional record of involvement in meeting the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, the Church of the Living God in Richmond Heights, Missouri, has earned remarkable distinction during its eighty-nine years of existence in the St. Louis metropolitan area; and

**Whereas**, part of its outreach endeavors include the successful establishment of the Old Ship of Zion program which acknowledges the illustrative contributions of faithful Americans to the overall health and vitality of the area; and

**Whereas**, three highly-deserving recipients of Old Ship of Zion recognition include the Honorable Irene J. Smith, Alderwoman for the city of St. Louis; the Honorable Connie L. Johnson, State Representative for the Sixty-first District; and the Honorable Yaphet El-Amin, State Representative for the Fifty-seventh District; all of whom are universally praised as enduring, steadfast, and victorious overcomers; and

**Whereas**, the Church of the Living God conducts its stellar programing through the visionary leadership of Elder Ennis F. Tait as Pastor; the Reverend Diane Crawford, the Reverend Donald Wright, Jr., and the Reverend Michele Y. Wright as Ministers; Lena Wortham of the Mothers Board, George Gaskin of the Deacons, Sheree Tait of the Women's Department; Willie Owens of the Men's Department; Tiffany Harris of the Youth Department; Vincent and Gwendolyn Donnell of Outreach Ministry; Pamela Warren of Office Staff; John Wortham of the Board of Trustees; Charlotte Owens of the Finance Department; Juanita Pruitt and Louise Gaskin as Coordinators for the Old Ship of Zion Program; Sheri Crawford, Praise Dance Ministry; Ebony Warren, Youth Department; Michelle Williams, Trustee Board; and Joann Rankins Canon:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the eighty-nine-year-long history of the Church of the Living God in Richmond Heights, Missouri, and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of its Old Ship of Zion program which recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of worthy, faithful Americans; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Church of the Living God and its Old Ship of Zion program.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Connie L. Johnson  
District No. 61

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Representative Yaphett El-Amin  
District No. 57

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 463, adopted February 24, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker